

GERMANS IN MEXICO WARNED NOT TO MOBILIZE

House Virtually Kills Anty-Vice Bill, Andrews Leading Opposition

FOOD PROBLEM IS
TO BE HANDLED BY
BIG ORGANIZATION

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Launches a Territory-Wide Scheme, With Central Committee of Five

All Hawaii is to be enlisted under a thoroughly planned scheme of coordination for food production, distribution and conservation, with cooperation of public and private agencies directed by experts.

Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce for two hours this morning, representatives of a wide variety of organizations, together with federal and territorial officials, decided upon a simple scheme of coordinating activities.

Definite steps taken this morning included the following:

1. Formation of a central or executive committee, consisting of one representative each of the Chamber of Commerce, Planters' Association, U. S. Experiment Station, Territorial Board of Agriculture and Forestry and United States Army—five in all.

2. This central committee to organize the various branches of work by such agencies as the public and private schools, Boy Scouts, territorial marketing division, the press, the vacant lot campaigners, the commercial bodies on each of the other islands, and numerous others.

3. Definite support for the territorial marketing division, realizing that it is an essential factor in the present emergency, and, in particular, support before the legislature of an item of \$10,000 proposed for an "extension fund." The item now pending, is at present \$5000. It was the consensus of opinion that the new work the marketing division will be required to do calls for at least double that amount.

Timely talks were made by Governor Pinkham, Samuel F. Hasebro, a Cleveland businessman and former president of the National Farmers' Association; Director Westgate, H. P. Aase and others.

"Make the Territory of Hawaii independent of the mainland for its food supply," was the keynote of the meeting which was called by the Chamber of Commerce and presided over by James D. Dole, chairman of the committee on agriculture.

The discussion emphasized that the war has resulted in the food supply of the United States being reduced to a point where it is absolutely necessary to conserve and produce every article of human consumption, and the Hawaiian Islands must be as near self supporting and as little a drain on the mainland supply as possible.

The central committee now formed consists of James D. Dole, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce; J. M. Westgate, director of the U. S. experiment station; H. P. Aase, director of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association experiment station; Charles S. Judd, executive officer of the territorial board of commissioners of agriculture and forestry; and Maj. Charles S. Lincoln of the U. S. army.

This committee was given full power to act in the way of advising people what to grow in order that there will not be an over-abundance of any one article of food and also it was authorized to raise money by subscriptions to carry on its work and to see that the food is properly distributed.

Among the points of discussion of particular interest was that of having the school children aid in the work of planting, growing and harvesting the foodstuffs. J. F. C. Hagena, president of the chamber, suggested that the vacation time be advanced to give the children an opportunity to work in the gardens. This, however, was at first opposed by H. W. Kinney, superintendent of public instruction, who declared that the children would not work unless under supervision. He said if the children remain in school they can be instructed by the teachers and better results obtained than if they are allowed to run wild. "We have an organization already which has raised many dollars' worth of vegetables," he said.

There was considerable discussion on this suggestion that school children be brought more definitely into the general scheme of gardening, and finally differences of opinion were composed when the subject was referred to the central committee to be handled as far as practicable with the cooperation and advice of the school authorities.

It was also pointed out that a publicity campaign should be started at once to inform the people of the gravity of the situation and the necessity to not only grow food but also conserve it.

James Dole was chairman of the meeting. In opening the meeting he said in part: "The president of this chamber thought it would be wise to bring the different interested parties together and get them in touch with the military authorities and see whether we could not get things crystallized so we

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Debate In Committee
Of Whole Ends In Vote
Of 19 to 11 Against

By a vote of 19 to 11 the house of representatives this afternoon voted to indefinitely postpone action on the vice abatement bill. The fight for the passage of the measure was conducted chiefly by Speaker H. L. Holstein, while Representative Andrews was spokesman for the opposition.

It was 2:10 this afternoon when the house went into committee of the whole. Representative William E. Miles was in the chair.

When Miles called the committee to order Speaker H. L. Holstein at once took the floor and moved the passage of the bill. Holstein stated that in the 1915 legislature he had opposed a bill of a similar nature to this which he had then found to be full of objectionable features. The measure now pending was not subject to the objections he then had, those features having been eliminated or cured.

Continuing Holstein said that there were 27 states that had laws similar to the pending bill on the books and that it is better for Hawaii to align itself with the majority than with the minority. There was nothing dangerous to be found in the bill, as had been demonstrated in other states, notably in Iowa, where the law had not been abused. He presented a strong and able argument for the passage of the measure.

In the audience in the gallery were a number of boys and girls, students of the junior and senior classes of the high school. To this fact Holstein called attention and declared it did not reflect credit upon the opposition of the bill that they should have been brought there.

Inquiry developed that the scholars had gone to the house as an educational experience and had merely happened to be there at the time the abatement bill came up for debate.

Representative Lorrin Andrews moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed. He said: "I don't believe anyone has reasoned it out clearly. It is the most dangerous bill the legislature could pass and there are laws in the statute books now that will answer just as well as this one."

The first idea, Andrews argues, was that a citizen could go to court and complain. This feature has been taken out and the citizen must go to the city attorney first and get permission to prosecute. Andrews claimed citizens can do this now and that if the city attorney will not prosecute he can go to territorial or government officials and get action. The representative criticized the bill section by section.

"Do we need to suppress prostitution?" he concluded. "If your present laws are enforced you can make the territory free from every vicious person."

Andrews then attacked the clause which takes a man's property away from him. "Punish a man for adultery but don't take his property away from him. By doing so you are putting a terrible thing before the people in the guise of a reform," he said.

Speaker Holstein at this got up and said, "Don't you know that the U. S. attorney favors this law?"

"Yes, I do," responded Andrews, "but what of it?"

Arguments closed at 2:55 o'clock. Andrews moved indefinite postponement. Lyman asked if an opportunity should not be granted the public to be heard. Tavares rose and objected asking if this was a subject to be debated in the presence of children. Walsh proposed a recess until 7:30 this evening. Andrews objected. He said that there were but five days of the session and much to be accomplished.

At 3:05 the motion to indefinitely postpone consideration was put and carried 19 to 11.

The vote to indefinitely postpone was as follows: Ayes—Aluana, Andrews, Brown, Jarrett, Jerves, Joseph, Kaana, Kalana, Kawewehi, Kelekolio, Kula, Kupihea, Leal, Lota, Lyman, Miles, Mosman, Paschoal, Silva.

Noes—Cooke, Fernandez, Kawaha, Marquez, Petrie, Tavares, Waialolo, Walsh, Wilcox, Wilder, Holstein.

LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
BRITAIN WITHDRAWS BLACKLIST ON U. S. SHIPS
LONDON, Eng., April 26.—The British "blacklist" on shipping has been withdrawn so far as the United States is concerned, and vessels accused of violating the "trading-with-the-enemy act" will no longer be discriminated against by the British government.

FIRST AMERICAN WAR PRISONER TAKEN BY GERMANY
LONDON, Eng., April 26.—The taking of the first American prisoner of war is reported by the American consul at Glasgow. The facts are unknown. It is believed that an American vessel was sunk and the captain taken on the German submarine.

WILSON OPPOSES MUZZLING OF AMERICAN PRESS
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—President Wilson is opposed to any censorship bill which muzzles the American press. He has written a letter to Arthur Brisbane, the noted Hearst editor and writer, opposing any system of censorship which would deny the people "the indisputable right to criticize their own public officials."

U-BOAT OUTRAGE IN MEDITERRANEAN REVEALED
LONDON, Eng., April 26.—News of the sinking of the British steamship Kildale reveals that when the steamer was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on April 12, while the crew was in the boats, a submarine came to the surface, fired on the boats with its mounted guns and rifles, and killed one and wounded eight others of the Kildale's crew.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 26.—The British freighter City of Paris has been sunk by a submarine, it was reported today.

NAINOA APPOINTED; SENATE TABLES PENSION BILL
Upon information that Governor Pinkham had today renominated Lyons B. Nainoa, district magistrate of Koolaula, the senate this afternoon voted to table a bill to provide a pension for him in case he was not reappointed.

ROAD BILL AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED TO PASS
The municipal committee of the house this afternoon was to recommend the passage of house bill 426, providing additional funds for the main tenance and improvement of roads in Honolulu by additional taxes on real and personal property. As amended the bill provides that the money received for this purpose shall be divided as follows: One-fourth for extensions and replacements of sewer and water systems; one-twelfth for road maintenance; one-half for new road construction; one-twelfth for other permanent improvements and one-twelfth for the support of free sewer and cesspool pumping system.

McADOO-BALFOUR
AGREEMENT MADE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Foreign Minister Balfour, head of the British commission, have arrived at an understanding on questions of finance, trade, shipping, banking, exchange and kindred problems. It was announced today.

Secretary McAdoo is considering another offering of \$200,000,000 in treasury certificates, due June 30, to be placed with the banks of the country within 10 days.

French Commission
Makes Formal Calls

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—The French commission which arrived yesterday spent its first full day today in a round of official calls on the president, and the state, war and navy departments.

At the request of the board of agriculture and forestry a bill was introduced in the senate this afternoon to give the territorial department more strict control over plants and shrubs shipped to or from the territory.

NAMES HOPKINS
FOR AUDITOR

MANLEY G. K. HOPKINS
Named by the Governor for Territorial Auditor.

Governor Pinkham announced this afternoon that he had nominated for the position of territorial auditor Manley G. K. Hopkins, at present deputy assessor of the first tax division. This nomination is to fill the position held by Col. J. H. Fisher, who has been serving a per diem term since last spring.

After executive session by the senate on the appointment of Hopkins it was announced this afternoon that action would be deferred until tomorrow.

COMPROMISE UPON
PROHIBITION BILL
PASSES SENATE

Prohibition hopes were revived in the senate this afternoon when members voted eight to five to adopt the report of the minority of judiciary committee, recommending the adoption of Senate bill 33 as a part of House bill 333. Shingle, Makekau, Kamaucha, Robinson and Quinn opposed the adoption of the report. Mikaelo was absent. The bill will come up tomorrow for third reading.

Senators Castle and Coney, members of the judiciary committee, today submitted to the senate their minority report on Representative Andrews' plebiscite bill, recommending that the bill be accepted including the first 10 sections of Senate bill 33, the prohibition by plebiscite measure. "The minority of the committee feels that the senate, having already gone on record as being in favor of a prohibition plebiscite, it would now be inconsistent for it to table a bill providing for such plebiscite," says the report.

"At the time of the passage of senate bill 33, President Chillingworth's bill, both sides had practically agreed upon submitting the question of prohibition to the people. The house, by passing the bill now before the committee, agreed on the proposition of a plebiscite but did not agree that the bill as passed by the senate was in correct form. The proposition of the house is first to have the plebiscite and then compel the governor to call a special session of the legislature absolutely prohibiting the importation and sale of liquors in the territory of Hawaii.

House Bill is Incomplete
"The minority feels that the bill as passed by the house is incomplete in that it does not attempt to place before the people squarely the question of law they are voting on."
"The minority therefore proposes to submit to the people the provisions set forth in senate bill 33, which is the proposed prohibition law, but is willing to agree with the house that if for any reason the act should be held invalid, provided the plebiscite is in favor of prohibition, then the governor is authorized and directed to call a special session of the legislature to

Church Quits
Harbor Board
Over Pier Row

Thomas M. Church, a member of the territorial board of harbor commissioners, shortly before 3 this afternoon handed his resignation to Governor Pinkham.

While the written resignation specifies no reason for the action, the Star-Bulletin is able to state that lack of sympathy with Chairman Forbes and with other members of the board, over the Honolulu pier controversy, is the moving cause for the resignation.

Some weeks ago, the Star-Bulletin is informed, three members of the board agreed to a plan by which work was to proceed on Pier 19, and to be stopped on Pier 9 while new bids were called for. The idea was that this would allow work on the main part of the triple pier scheme to proceed and would also show, through the bids, what would be the cost of going ahead on Pier 9 under the modified plans. Church is said to have adhered to this agreement but other members of the board saw the matter in a different light and favored other plans.

In the main, Church has favored standing by the committee of three experts who were named after the criticism began of Chairman Forbes' work and his pier plans. The Star-Bulletin is informed that Church feels that the only logical course is to stand by the investigators who were paid \$3000 for their work, and that, when other members of the board adopt a different attitude, he feels he should not continue since he would have to be a continuous dissenter.

German Labor
Wants Peace,
Capital Hears

(A. P. by U. S. Naval Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—That there is a growing desire for peace among the German workmen is the belief of the state department, based on reports for the past few days of the strike of many thousands of laborers in Berlin. The state department says that the hope of the end of the war is growing stronger in the German capital, and also of a reduction of the German bread ration from 60 to 50 ounces per week.

Gardner Predicts
Conscription Pass

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—That the army bill, containing the provision for "selective drafting," as favored by the president and the military experts, will be passed by the house of representatives by a safe majority was the statement of Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts, one of the most ardent workers for conscription and universal service in the lower house.

Mr. Gardner said last night that he has canvassed the house thoroughly on this question and that a poll of the members showed that there are at least 215 of them who will vote for the bill. About 112 are obstinate in their opposition, while 80 have declined to commit themselves either for or against. Even if all of the noncommittal members should vote for the bill this still gives the administration a clear majority of 29 votes on this count. It is believed that the majority for the measure will be much greater than that, and that party lines will be pretty well smashed.

enact the law which was passed at the plebiscite vote.

"The only possible objection is that the governor cannot be compelled to call a special session, which is true; but if the governor approves of the bill passed by this legislature, it will be his consent in advance to call a special session."

Several Amendments Presented
Various amendments to cover the proposals with which the report is prefaced are then submitted in the document. The amended title proposed by the minority follows: "An act to provide for the prohibition of the importation of intoxicating liquors into the territory of Hawaii and to prohibit the manufacture or sale of such liquors therein, except under certain conditions, calling for a plebiscite on the question of enforcing prohibition throughout the territory of Hawaii and for a special session of the legislature under certain conditions, and making appropriations to give effect to this act."

WASHINGTON OFFICIALLY TOLD
STRIKE OF 250,000 IN BERLIN;
SWEDEN FACES SERIOUS ISSUE

Great Demonstration Planned By International Socialists For May 1—Heavy Fighting on West

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Official advices have been received by the state department that the Mexican government has issued a warning that concentration of Germans near the American border will be followed by their arrest.

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, April 25.—A despatch from Curitiba, Southern Brazil, says that a mob today attacked the offices of a German paper which criticized the Brazilian ambassador to the Argentine Republic. Two soldiers were wounded in the fight.

The Associated Press today sent the following summary of war events in Europe to the Star-Bulletin:

"Revolutionary mutterings in Europe indicate that momentous events are about to occur."

"The summary adjournment of the German reichstag, when it had barely been opened, has added to the significance of the situation."

"It is clear that the strike agitation may burst forth again on May Day, which is the international holiday of the Socialist organizations."

"The Associated Press learns that a nation-wide demonstration is being planned in Sweden, following the recent agitation for a republican form of government. A counterpart of this agitation is expected in Spain."

"The fact that there is still no news available from Austria has given vigor to the recurrent reports that Austria is making efforts to seek a separate peace with the Allies."

"Returning travelers from Turkey tell appalling stories of the devastations in the Turkish countries caused by disease and starvation. Huge populations are being swept away and the misery is indescribable."

Germans and Allies Locked in
Four-Day Struggle on West Front

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
LONDON, England, April 26.—Renewed German attacks on the British positions near Gavrelle were repulsed today by Haig's men. The fourth day of the struggle of great armies on the British front in France is on. Both sides are striving vainly, so far—for a decision in the tremendous struggle.

PARIS, France, April 26.—The Germans today vainly made counter-attacks on the French position near Chemin des Dames.

BERLIN, Germany, April 26.—The German line of the Gavrelle position is now situated on the eastern boundary of the village, according to official announcement.

American Schooner Sunk Unwarned
and U-Boat Fires on Refugee Crew

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—The American schooner Percy Birdall of New York has been sunk by a German submarine, according to news received in official circles here. The U-boat fired 13 shots at the schooner, some while the captain and the crew of nine were taking to the boat in a desperate hurry to escape from the sinking vessel.

After drifting around, the boat was picked up by a British patrol. The time and place of the incident have not been announced by the state department.

Root to Head Commission to Russia

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Within a short time a notable commission of leading Americans will sail for Russia to confer with the leaders of the new republic on cooperation in the present working alliance. Senator Elihu Root of New York, after a conference with President Wilson today, has accepted the chairmanship of the commission, which is expected to depart in a few days.

The needs of Russia, as outlined by the president, are for advice and assistance in matters of politics, finance, transportation and general commerce.

Teuton Death Toll
Staggers Fighters

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 26.—Thousands of dead Germans are being taken by the British working parties from the places where they were found on the western battlefields and are being buried as rapidly as possible.

The toll of deaths suffered by the Germans in the recent fighting upon the western front is staggering, according to the official British reports issued by the British war office last night.

Berlin officially claims that the fighting has been more in favor of the Germans than for some time past and that the British attacks were beaten back with loss. This, says the official German communiqué of last night, was particularly true of the fighting in the neighborhood of Monchy Le Preux.

The aerial fighting of the last few weeks is still going forward with tremendous vigor, and yesterday scores of combats in the air were reported to British headquarters. Fifteen German aeroplanes were brought to the earth by British airmen, while six British planes which started out and have so far failed to return.

Turks Lose Again
In Mesopotamia Fray

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless)

LONDON, England, April 26.—The British drive against the Turks on the west bank of the Shatt el Adhaim, not far from the junction of that waterway with the Tigris river which has been going forward for several days reached its culmination last night according to official statements issued by the British war office. In a total defeat for the Turks and a tremendous victory for the British under Gen. Maude. The fighting was in the vicinity of Khan Dohuliyah.

Thousands of Turks were taken prisoners and the Turkish armies, already shattered by the weeks of retreating, and succession of heavy blows delivered by the British and the Russians, fled in disorder, leaving behind them large quantities of supplies, including numbers of cannon of all sizes.

The official reports issued from Constantinople admit "the retirement of our forces in the neighborhood of Shatt el Adhaim."

The New York Assembly passed the Tallage bill prohibiting the shooting of domestic wild ducks at any time except during the open season.